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COMIC SHOP NEWS
DC'S YEAR OF THE VILLAIN

Get Ready for Some Two-Bit Villainy!

The villainy may be two-bit, but the villains involved are definitely high value!

On May 1st, just in time for Free Comic Book Day, DC unleashes ***DC's Year of the Villain,*** a 25¢ comic featuring three original stories spotlighting some of DC's most infamous supervillains.

In the first story, which grows out of *Scott Snyder & James Tynion IV's* ***Justice League*** and features art by *Francis Manapul,* Lex Luthor assembles his Legion of Doom for the final push to replace Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and the rest of the League as the rightful leaders of not only mankind, but the universe itself. To accomplish this, the Legion of Doom hopes to harness the power of Perpetua, the first being to be imprisoned within the Source Wall, now newly freed in the events of ***Justice League Annual #1***. Perpetua's storyline and Luthor's plans to rid the universe of heroes will continue to escalate throughout the rest of 2019.

The second story spotlights *Scott Snyder's* fan-favorite villain, the Batman Who Laughs, in a tale illustrated by *Jim Cheung* that continues where the ***Batman Who Laughs*** six-issue limited series leaves off, paving the way for a yet-to-be-announced new series debuting this summer.

Brian Bendis continues his saga of Leviathan in the third tale of this issue as he and *Alex Maleev* kick off a new status quo in DC's dark world of espionage and terrorism; the repercussions of this new order will have major ramifications for the Man of Steel this Summer.

And for astute readers, ***DC's Year of the Villain*** will also contain clues to Batman's upcoming battle with the villains of Gotham in "City of Bane," also slated to begin this summer.

The storylines that grow out of this 25¢ special will resonate through the DC Universe for the rest of 2019, so ***DC's Year of the Villain*** is definitely a must-read—and since it's only 25¢, it's a very affordable must-read!

Greg Capullo supplies the art for the main cover of this all-new special. In addition, DC will offer a 1-for-100 Cheetah variant with cover art by *Stanley "Artgerm" Lau,* a 1-for-250 Lex Luthor variant by *Alex Maleev,* and a 1-for-500 Batman Who Laughs variant by *Jim Cheung.*

Coming Comics—DC in May

After the destruction of anyone and everyone who could stand in its way—from Lois Lane's military father, Sam Lane, to agencies such as Spyral and Checkmate—Leviathan stands ready to topple even the Man of Steel in ***Action Comics #1011*** (by *Brian Bendis & Steve Epting).*

Superboy and Robin better hold on for dear life as they ride a 20-megaton cosmic engine of mass combustion (that's a pun!) into their final battle with Rex Luthor in ***Adventures of the Super Sons #10*** (by *Peter Tomasi, Carlo Barberi, & Matt Santorelli).*

On the cusp of recovering his lost memories, Aquaman must overcome one final obstacle—a terrifying journey into the lair of the mysterious Mother Shark—in ***Aquaman #48*** (by *Kelly Sue DeConnick & Viktor Bogdanovic).* There, Aquaman will face his greatest challenge yet and look into his past, present, and future.

"The Fall and the Fallen" begins in ***Batman #70*** (by *Tom King & Mikel Janin).* This is the one you've been waiting for! Now that Batman has escaped the "Knightmares," he's starting to see the forces rallying against him—and that his father from another universe has joined the other side. The Caped Crusader finally digs into the mystery of how Thomas Wayne, aka the Flashpoint Batman, escaped the collapse of his dimension and ended up in this part of the Multiverse in a tale that paves the way for the next big Batman event.

Batman's most baffling case brings him face to face with his worst nightmare in ***Batman: Damned #3*** (by *Brian Azzarello & Lee Bermejo),* the conclusion to the startling Black Label miniseries.

When the quest for justice drives Batman into some morally ambiguous areas, he calls in the most moral man he knows: Jefferson Pierce, aka Black Lightning, and his team of operatives known as the Outsiders! Several years ago Batman personally put the Barrera family into hiding after they suffered through terrible experiments at the hands of an organization called the Ark. Now all but one of them have turned up dead... and Batman needs to locate Sofia

Barrera before the wrong people get their hands on her—and her surprising power! But it wouldn't be Batman without a hidden agenda, would it? And when Black Lightning, Katana, the Signal, and Orphan find out what Batman is really up to, their every loyalty will be called into question in ***Batman and the Outsiders #1*** (by *Bryan Hill & Dexter Soy).*

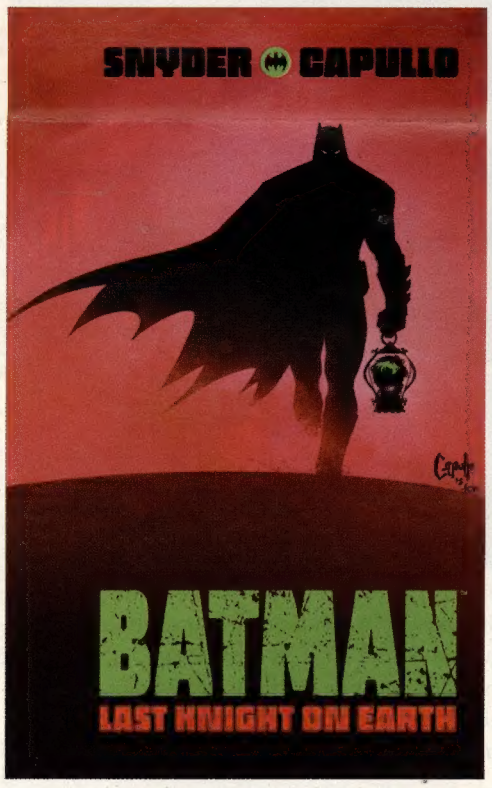
The 80th anniversary of Batman collides with the 35th anniversary of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in ***Batman/Teenage Mutant Ninja***

Courtesy of your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

Turtles III #1 (by *James Tynion IV & Freddie E. Williams II),* the concluding miniseries in the Batman/TMNT crossover trilogy. Our heroes have battled the evil of the Foot Clan in Gotham City and Bane in New York, but now Krang has gotten his hands on the most dangerous technologies in the DC Universe —and no universe is safe from his wrath!

It's a battle to the death as Batman goes head to head with the Grim Knight in ***The Batman Who Laughs #5*** (by *Scott Snyder & Jock).* The Caped Crusader is forced to fight off not only the most evil version of himself, but also the growing desire to turn his back on his moral code and commit cold-blooded murder. Any other time, Batman would be able to stay on the straight and narrow, but as the Joker serum finally takes over his body, Bruce Wayne may succumb to pure evil and kill the Grim Knight. All of this is foreseen by the Batman Who Laughs, who has been planning for the corruption of Bruce Wayne, banking on his activating the "Last Laugh" protocol and turning Gotham City into an incubator for evil.

Bruce Wayne wakes up in Arkham Asylum. Young. Sane. And... he was never Batman. So begins ***Batman: Last Knight on Earth #1*** (by *Scott Snyder, Greg Capullo, & Jonathan Glapion),* a Black Label tale of the Dark Knight as he embarks on a quest through a devastated DC landscape featuring a massive cast of familiar faces from the DC Universe. As he tries to piece together



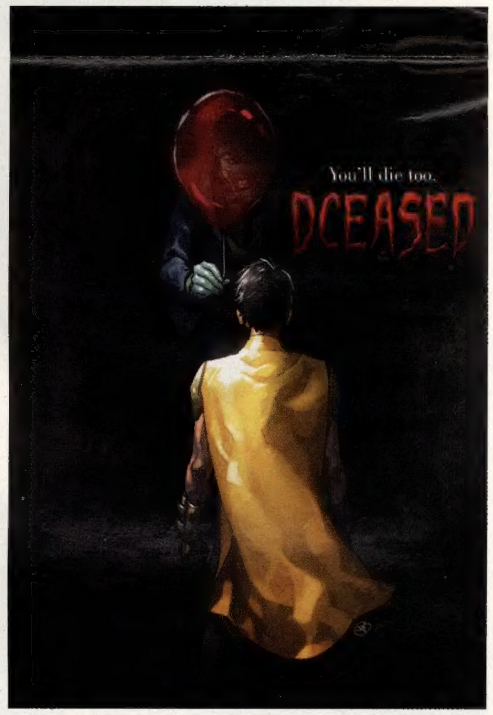
the mystery of his past, he must unravel the cause of this terrible future and track down the unspeakable force that destroyed the world as he knew it…

After running away to Faerie, Tim Hunter finds himself forgetting why he fled home in the first place. Not that he's complaining! Magic is so much more fun when consequences and math quizzes are no longer one's main concerns. But what's Titania, queen of the faeries, want with the young Tim Hunter, and why does it have Rose more protective of the boy magician than ever? Find out in ***Books of Magic #8*** (by *Kat Howard & Tom Fowler).*

Selina Kyle walks a fine line in the criminal underworld. A thief herself, she's regularly on the wrong side of the law, while her personal life gives her crooked colleagues plenty of reason to distrust her. When Catwoman finds herself at the center of a dark plot full of violence and intrigue, she'll

have to decide which side she is on and whom she can trust in ***Catwoman Annual #1*** (by *Joëlle Jones & Elena Casagrande).*

A mysterious techno-virus has been released on Earth, infecting 600 million people and instantly turning them into violent, monstrous engines of destruction. The heroes of the DCU are caught completely unprepared for a pandemic of this magnitude, and they struggle to save their loved ones first... but what happens to the World's Greatest Heroes if the world ends? Find out



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in ***DCeased #1*** (by *Tom Taylor, Trevor Hairsine, Stefano Gaudiano, & James Harren).*

The greatest heroes in the DC Universe, the Justice League of America, answer mail from their biggest fans—kids!—in ***Dear Justice League TP*** (by *Michael Northrop & Gustavo Duarte*). Does Superman ever make mistakes? What was Wonder Woman's 11th birthday like? Does Aquaman smell like fish? In this new middle-grade graphic novel, iconic heroes are asked questions both big and small, and when they are not busy saving the world, the Justice League even finds time to respond.

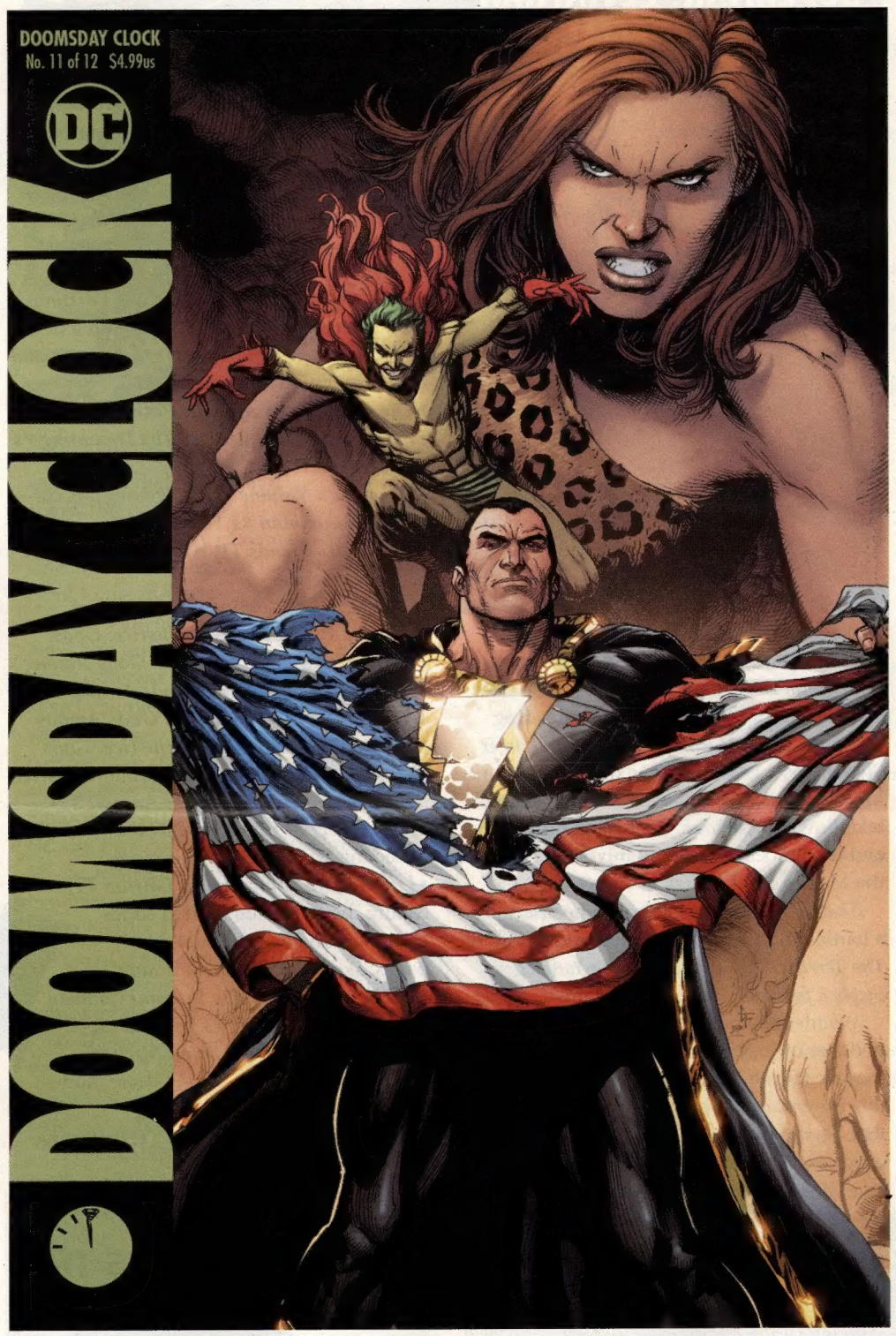
It's code red for the Teen Titans as their plan to capture and imprison Deathstroke backfires in the worst possible way in ***Deathstroke #43*** (by *Christopher Priest, Adam Glass, Carlo Pagulayan, & Jason Paz).* Mercy Hall is on lockdown, and all the supervillains have escaped their cells! As the villains team up to take down their captors, Deathstroke makes one final attempt at "fixing" Damian... Then, in ***Teen Titans #30*** (by *Adam Glass & Bernard Chang),* a "Terminus Agenda" epilogue, it's time for Damian and the rest of the Teen Titans to take stock of what they've done.

Damian was so certain he could succeed against the Arkham Knight where his father failed. Not only was he wrong, but as it turns out, the Knight has a surprising plan for the son of Batman in ***Detective Comics #1003*** (by *Peter Tomasi, Brad Walker, & Andrew Hennessy).*

After years on the shelf, Batman returns to the Black Casebook in ***Detective Comics Annual #2*** (by *Peter Tomasi & Travis Moore).* Throughout his career, Batman has compiled his most disturbing cases into one volume, its every page filled with bizarre horror and crimes he never quite managed to solve. Now a case from the past has re-opened itself in the here and now... and Batman will find himself face to face again with one of the deadliest villains he fought in his early years: the Reaper!

Teen daredevil Miguel and runaway Summer travel to the home of the Flash in Central City to steal back the H-Dial, in ***Dial H for Hero #3*** (by *Sam Humphries & Joe Quinones),* as a secret former wielder of the powerful device swears to do anything to become a hero again—including handing the dial to the villainous Mr Thunderbolt.

"Who let the dogs out?" DC, in the pages of ***Dog Days of Summer #1,*** a summer-themed special that features eight tales starring Krypto and Superman, Bat-Cow and Batman, Wonder Woman and Ferdinand,



and many more.

The truth behind "Rebirth" is revealed in ***Doomsday Clock #11*** (by *Geoff Johns & Gary Frank)* as Batman searches for the one person he believes can help him save the world... Rorschach!

"The Flash Year One" begins its run in ***The Flash #70*** (by *Joshua Williamson & Howard Porter).* Barry Allen feels helpless in his life in Central City. As a forensic scientist, he's always catching criminals after they've committed their crimes. All that changes one fateful night when Barry is struck by a bolt of lightning and doused in chemicals. When he wakes from a coma, he realizes he can run at incredible speeds. Can Barry master these powers and be the hero his city needs... or will the powers burn through him?

The Freedom Fighters are at last reunited in ***Freedom Fighters #6*** (by *Robert Venditti & Eddy Barrows),* and Uncle Sam is leading the way to victory. But just as defeat of the Nazi regime seems in sight, Hitler II has one more trick up his sleeve... and this one is Kryptonian.

After sacrificing himself to save the entire universe from a cosmic WMD, Hal Jordan finds himself trapped inside his own power ring in ***The Green Lantern #7*** (by *Grant Morrison & Liam Sharp).* And he discovers an entire universe lies inside it, populated with souls whose lives are threatened when his ring runs out of power!

In ***Harley Quinn #61*** (by *Sam Humphries & Otto Schmidt),* Harley travels to Gotham City to blow off some steam with her friend Catwoman in the best way she knows how—no, not a bank robbery—game night! But the good clean fun soon turns into a nightmare when they discover that the game is cursed, and that they've inadvertently turned Gotham City into something straight out of a fantasy RPG!

With the battlefield split, Carter and his past lives put together a last-ditch plan to

stop the Deathbringers once and for all in ***Hawkman #12*** (by *Robert Venditti & Bryan Hitch).* But if it should fail, Earth will be doomed, and the universe will fall into the hands of the Deathbringers forever!

Heroes in Crisis #9 (by *Tom King & Clay Mann)* presents the finale of DC's most-talked-about miniseries. The mystery behind the murders at Sanctuary is solved, but the mind behind it is one the heroes never expected. With their deepest secrets exposed, the Trinity have to consider how to carry on. Should the tragedy cause them to redouble their efforts to help their hurting comrades, or will they need to close up shop? The answers will be found in the ashes of this final showdown, and the fates of Booster Gold, Harley Quinn, and the rest hang in the balance.

The members of the League have been banished to the prison planet of villains by the World Forger. Stuck with no way of escape, the team hatches a plan to defeat the World Forger and get back to its dimension with the help of a new ally in ***Justice League #23*** (by *Scott Snyder & Jorge Jimenez).*

Cyborg stands alone against the unstoppable fury of the Eskaton in ***Justice League Odyssey #9*** 9by *Dan Abnett, Daniel Sampere, & Juan Albarran).* To save life itself, the rest of his rogue Justice League team of Jessica Cruz, Starfire, and Azrael must stand with the greatest evil in the Multiverse-—and that means battling everything the feral Ghost Sector can throw at them.

J'onn J'onnz is no longer the sole survivor of the planet Mars! The vicious criminal Charnn somehow survived the epidemic of H'ronnmeer's Curse—and he's here on Earth in ***Martian Manhunter #5*** (by *Steve Orlando & Riley Rossmo).*

In ***Naomi #5*** (by *Brian Bendis, David F. Walker, & Jamal Campbell),* all secrets are revealed! Who is Naomi? Where did she come from? What can she do? And what does it mean for the rest of the DC Universe?

On a journey from San Francisco to discover her family's true roots and their connection to the yakuza clan they have served her whole life, Pearl visits a seldom-seen side of Tokyo in ***Pearl #9*** (by *Brian Bendis & Michael Gaydos).*

The Scooby Gang has to rescue the Flash's Rogues from the ghost of a fellow Rogue, the Top, in ***Scooby Doo Team-Up #48*** (by *Sholly Fisch & Dario Brizuela).*

In ***Shazam! #6*** (by *Geoff Johns & Dale Eaglesham),* Billy Batson finds himself face to face with the one person who could tear apart his family: his father!

Honor Guest had a normal life. A family. A house in the suburbs. She sacrificed that normalcy and agreed to serve Leviathan so that her husband and son could live. But now a new danger threatens her former life: Smoke. Honor's half-sister, a failed Leviathan experiment in bio-engineering, is targeting everything the Silencer holds dear in ***The Silencer #17*** (by *Dan Abnett, V Ken Marion, & Sandu Florea).*

Lord Gandelo is tired of sending others to kill Supergirl and has taken personal responsibility to destroy the Girl of Steel in ***Supergirl #30*** (by *Marc Andreyko & Kevin Maguire).*

Superman and his son are forced to confront his father about the secrets of Krypton in front of the gathered heads of the galaxy in ***Superman #11*** (by *Brian Bendis, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado).* Superman makes a bold choice that will forever change his relationship to the Earth, the Justice League, and his family!

An all-star roster of writers and artists highlights the new threat of Leviathan in ***Superman: Leviathan Rising Special #1,*** an 80-page special that tees up new ongoing series for Jimmy Olsen (by *Matt Fraction & Steve Lieber),* and Lois Lane (by *Greg Rucka & Mike Perkins).* As Leviathan enacts a plan to take down Superman, it's up to Lois, Jimmy, and the heroes of the DC Universe to rescue the Man of Steel.

The Terrifics have entered cyberspace for a battle unlike any they have faced before in ***The Terrifics #16*** (by *Gene Luen Yang & Stephen Segovia).* It's a battle against... God?

Wonder Woman, Steve Trevor, and the goddess of love, Aphrodite, are pretty sure they've found Aphrodite's missing son in this unremarkable suburban town—the fact that everyone here is compulsively driven to act on their secret desires is an awfully big clue! But if they actually want to talk to him, they'll have to get through a flying army of attack cherubs in ***Wonder Woman #70*** (by *G. Willow Wilson & Xermanico).*

It's spring, and love is in the air in ***Wonder Twins #4*** (by *Mark Russell & Stephen Byrne)*—even for the Wonder Twins!—as they try to adjust to life on Earth and as interns for the Justice League. After Jayne makes an impressive showing at her new school's science fair, the twins both get dates that don't go as planned, but the bigger threat may come from Jayne's best friend Polly Math, daughter of reformed villain Filo Math.

Gemworld rips in half in ***Young Justice #5*** (by *Brian Bendis, Patrick Gleason, & Kris Anka)* as Dark Opal battles the teen heroes of Young Justice as this huge, in-continuity epic continues. While Robin, Amethyst, Impulse, Teen Lantern, and Superboy fight for their freedom, the secrets of Jinny Hex, Jonah Hex's great-great-granddaughter, are revealed—and it is a DC Universe doozy!

DC collected editions (advance solicited for June, July, August, and September release) include:

- ***Batman/The Flash: The Button TP,*** collecting ***Batman #s 21–22*** and ***Flash #s 21–22.***
- ***Batman: The Black Glove Saga Essential Edition TP,*** collecting ***Batman #s 655–658, 663–675,*** and more.
- ***Batman: Damned HC,*** collecting the three-issue limited series.
- ***Batman Year One TP,*** a new edition collecting ***Batman #s 404–407.***
- ***DC Comics: The Art of Jim Lee Volume 1 HC,*** collecting hundreds of covers and behind-the-scenes art from the artist's career.
- ***DC Poster Portfolio: Frank Cho TP,*** featuring 20 of Cho's most memorable DC covers reproduced as 12" x 16" posters on cardstock paper.
- ***Detective Comics #1000 Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting ***Detective #1000*** with a new story by *Robert Venditti & Steven Segovia* and a gallery of variant covers.
- ***The Dreaming Volume 1: Pathways and Emanations TP,*** collecting ***The Dreaming #s 1–6*** and more.
- ***Hawkman Volume 1: Awakening TP,*** collecting ***Hawkman #s 1–6.***
- ***Imaginary Fiends TP,*** collecting the six-issue miniseries.
- ***Injustice: Gods Among Us Omnibus Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Injustice: Gods Among Us #s 1–12; Injustice: Gods Among Us Annual #1; Injustice: Gods Among Us: Year Two #s 1–12; Injustice: Gods Among Us: Year Two Annual #1; Injustice: Gods Among Us: Year Three #s 1–12,*** and ***Injustice: Gods Among Us: Year Three Annual #1.***
- ***JLA: Tower of Babel Essential Edition TP,*** collecting ***JLA #s 43–46*** and more.
- ***Luthor 10th Anniversary Edition TP,*** collecting the five-issue limited series along with new additional story pages, sketch material, and more!
- ***Lucifer Volume 1: The Infernal Comedy TP,*** collecting ***Lucifer #s 1–6*** and more.
- ***The Man of Steel by Brian Michael Bendis TP,*** collecting the six-issue miniseries and more.
- ***Nightwing: Knight Terrors TP,*** collecting ***Nightwing #s 50–56.***

- ***Old Lady Harley TP,*** collecting the five-issue miniseries and ***Harley Quinn #42.***
- ***Powers Book Five TP,*** collecting ***Powers #s 19–30 & Annual #1.***
- ***Red Hood Outlaw Volume 1: Underlife TP,*** collecting ***Red Hood Outlaw #s 26–31 & Annual #2.***
- ***The Sandman Volume 9: The Kindly Ones 30th Anniversary Edition TP,*** with a new cover by *Dave McKean.*
- ***Superman: Action Comics—The Oz Effect TP,*** collecting ***Action Comics #s 985–992.***
- ***Absolute Swamp Thing by Alan Moore Volume 1 HC,*** a deluxe, slipcased, oversized edition collecting ***Saga of the Swamp Thing #s 20–34 & Annual #2.***
- ***The Terrifics Volume 2: Tom Strong and the Terrifics TP,*** collecting ***The Terrifics #s 7–12 & Annual #1.***
- ***Titans Volume 6: Into the Bleed TP,*** collecting ***Titans #s 29–36.***
- ***The United States vs Murder Inc Volume 1 TP,*** collecting the six-issue series.
- ***Wonder Woman: The Golden Age Omnibus Volume 4 HC,*** collecting stories from ***Sensation Comics #s 70–89, Wonder Woman #s 26–34,*** and ***Comic Cavalcade #s 23–29.***

Coming in October from DC Collectibles

- ***Bat-Family: Red Hood Multi-Part Statue,*** the final release of the Bat-Family collection, which can be displayed by itself or as the final piece to the Bat-Family five-part set.
- ***Batman Black & White: The Batman Who Laughs by Greg Capullo Second Edition Statue,*** limited to 5,000 copies.

- DC blends the world of Mexican wrestling and the heroic history of DC Comics in the ***DC Lucha Explosiva*** line of 7" action figures depicting DC characters as luchadores. The first wave includes ***Batman, Deathstroke, Superman, Metallo II, Wonder Woman,*** and ***Cheetah.***
- ***DC Artist's Alley Batman, Two-Face, The Joker,*** and ***Killer Croc by James Groman Vinyl Figures,*** each of which is packaged with a print featuring the art that is the basis for the figure. This series is inspired by the work of monster-obsessed, multi-medium

former ***Madballs*** creator *James Groman*.

•***DC Prime: Batman Action Figure,*** a 9" figure with over 23 different points of articulation, multiple pairs of hands, a wired fabric cape, and three unique heads.

•***Harley Quinn Red, White, & Black Harley Quinn by Greg Horn Statue,*** sculpted by *Adrienne Smith*.

Coming Comics—Valiant in May

The mastermind behind Bloodshot's memory implants is revealed in ***Bloodshot Rising Spirit #7*** (by *Kevin Grevioux & Rags Morales*). Project Rising Spirit is under attack! Who will be left standing when the dust settles?

In the year 4002, a cyborg samurai named Rai struggles to find his morality, while the nanite-filled supersoldier Bloodshot is on a mission to save the citizens of Earth in ***Fallen World #1*** (by *Dan Abnett & Adam Pollina*). Will they work together for the greater good? All signs point to no.

Get ready for Eternal Warrior vs Imperatrix Verago in ***Incursion #4*** (by *Alex Paknadel, Andy Diggle, & Doug Braithwaite*). Young Tama's life hangs in the balance during this otherworldly battle. Will she survive it, or will the Earth need to choose a new Geomancer?

Valiant's ***Dollar Debut*** offerings for May include ***Ninja-K #1*** and ***Britannia #1.***

Quantum & Woody Volume 2: Separation Anxiety TP collects ***Quantum & Woody (2017) #s 6–12*** by *Eliot Rahal, Joe Eisma, & Francis Portela.*

Coming Comics—Dynamite in May

In the distant future, the human body is a temporary and interchangeable commodity—if you can pay. For the interstellar elite, bodies are swapped out and reused without a second thought. You never grow old; you never die. However, some bodies are more temporary than others... Takeshi Kovacs was once a member of the Envoy Corps, storm-

troopers for the Interstellar Earth Protectorate, ultra-lethal adepts in switching bodies across the stars. While he served, he was known by a variety of names—Mamba Lev, One Hand Rending, the Icepick—all testament to his capacity for rapid response and extreme violence in whatever flesh he wore. Now he's out of the service and trying to live a different life. But the Protectorate hasn't changed its spots, no matter what world Kovacs drifts to, and with that old combat rage still burning deep inside him, will he ever really be able to walk away? Find out in ***Altered Carbon: Download Blues HC*** (by *Richard K. Morgan Rik Hoskin, & Ferran Sellares*), an original graphic novel inspired by Morgan's novel and the subsequent Netflix TV series.

A new dimensional shift finds our heroine with sharpened canines, an eye-catching monokini, and a taste for blood in ***Bettie Page Unbound #2*** (by *David Avallone & Julius Ohta*)... but if that's what it takes to stop the Great Old Ones from destroying our reality, pour her a Type O plasma on the rocks!

A friendship is finished. The world is in peril. And Goldfinger wants diamonds in ***James Bond 007 #7*** (by *Greg Pak & Eric Gapstur*).

Jay thought his life was pretty normal until he died. Now, with the help of a mysterious girl named Mania, Jay is tracking down the members of KISS at the behest of the Demon King in ***KISS: The End #2*** (by *Amy Chu & Edu Menna*)! And if you think that is metal, just wait until we get to the part about the Wasteland!

Mystery, murder, and mayhem descend on Riverdale as four of your favorite comic book women meet for the first time in ***Red Sonja and Vampirella Meet Betty and Veronica #1*** (by *Amy Chu & Maria Sanapos*). A string of paranormal, unsolved murders leads the vampire hunter Vampirella and her sword-wielding barbarian partner Red Sonja to the small, sleepy town where things always seem to happen... There they discover Betty and Veronica, investigative reporters for the high school newspaper, also hot on the trail of the same killer.

In conjunction with the release of this crossover series, Dynamite is also offering the ***Red Sonja and Vampirella Meet Betty and Veronica Francesco Francavilla Enamel Pin Set.*** Each 1.5" diameter pin is designed by *Francesco Francavilla*, based on his amazing cover artwork from the first issue of the series. (Pins are also available individually.)

Steve Austin gets hit by lightning in ***The Six Million Dollar Man #3*** (by *Christopher Hastings & David Hahn*). That'd kill anybody else. But for a broken-down-and-battery-depleted-former-astronaut-turned-cyborg-secret-agent-in-Japan-desperate-to-save-the-world kinda guy like Steve? Just what the doctor ordered.

When Jessica falls in love with her Shakespeare teacher, she begins to act like her studious twin sister Elizabeth to impress him in ***Sweet Valley High Original Graphic Novel TP*** (by *Katy Rex & Devaki Neogi*). Now it's up to Elizabeth to make sure that all's well that end well—but with Jessica playing her role, will anyone be able to tell which twin is which?

Xena and Gabrielle find themselves amidst a deadly quarrel between the God of Strife and the God of Discord in ***Xena: Warrior Princess #2*** (by *Vita Ayala & Olympia Sweetman*)! The only way to save a village of innocents is for Xena to agree to lead an army against an incoming Roman legion. But Xena's "army" is composed of... the village elders!?

Jason Smith's sculpture is presented in its two-tone glory in the ***Red Sonja Amanda Conner Black & White Artist Proof Edition Statue,*** limited to 99 copies.

Dynamite collected editions include:

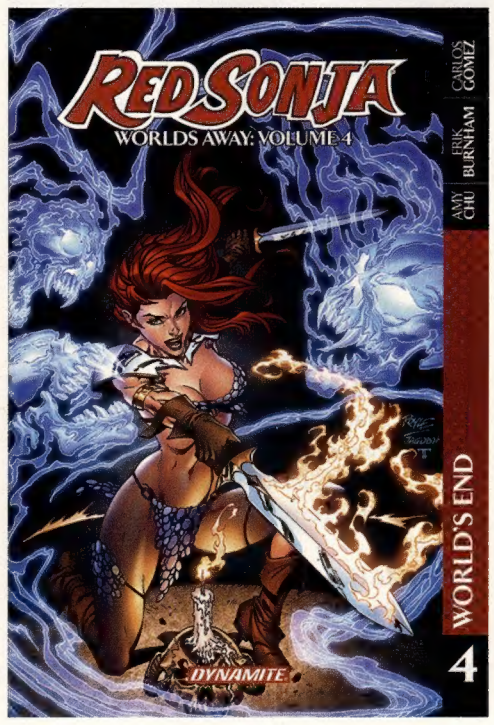
•***The Boys Omnibus Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***The Boys Vols 3 & 4.***

•***Charlaine Harris's Cemetery Girl Book Three: Haunted TP,*** a softcover edition of the hardcover release.

•***James Bond: Origin Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***James Bond: Origin #s 1–6.***

•***Project Superpowers Volume 1: Evolution HC,*** collecting ***Project Superpowers (2018) #s 1–6.***

•***Red Sonja: Worlds Away Volume 4—The Blade of Skath TP,*** collecting ***Red Sonja #s 16–20.***



•***Vampirella/Dejah Thoris TP,*** collecting the five-issue limited series.

Coming Comics—IDW in May

All of your favorite suspicious characters are back in ***Clue: Candlestick #1*** (by *Dash Shaw*), a new brain twister based on the timeless detective game.

The Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling quickly realize that there's no way they're going to be able to beat these real, muscle-y professional wrestlers! With morale low, Ruth has to come up with a new plan in ***GLOW #3*** (by *Tini Howard & Hannah Templer*), and she's going to make sure they win—even if they have to lose!

Count Nefaria's otherworldly assault reaches its fever pitch as the Avengers struggle to reunite and save Doctor Strange in ***Marvel Action Avengers #6*** (by *Matt Manning & Jon Sommariva*).

When one of the Black Panther's advisers suffers an injury during an attack, the adviser requests the aid of a traditional healer over modern medicine. Shuri scoffs at the idea, but soon a curse forces her on an epic quest in ***Marvel Action: Black Panther #5*** (by *Vita Ayala & Arianna Florean*).

Marvel Action Classics: Spider-Man 2-In-One presents two classic Spider-Man tales by *Marc Sumerak, Peter David, David Nakayama, & Mike Norton*—one featuring Spidey and Thor, the other featuring Spidey and Doctor Strange.

The Cutie Mark Crusaders are back in ***My Little Pony: Spirit of the Forest #1*** (by *Ted Anderson & Brenda Hickey*). When Apple Bloom, Scootaloo, and Sweetie Belle take a trip into the woods, they find a forest filled with trash! Just what could be causing this mess?! Looks like it's another mystery for our favorite fillies to solve—and one where not everything is as it seems...

In 1953, the Siberian Gulag of Kolyma is hell on Earth—which is why Roman Morozov leaps at the chance to escape in ***Road of Bones #1*** (by *Rich Douek & Alex Cormack*).

But even if they make it out, Roman and his fellow escapees still have hundreds of miles of frozen tundra between them and freedom. With the help of a mysterious being straight out of his childhood fairy tales, Roman just might make it—or is the being simply a manifestation of his brutal circumstances driving him insane?

As the last year of their original mission begins, the crew of the USS Enterprise will have to use all of the skills they've acquired along the way as they prepare to face the biggest challenge of their lives—a dark threat that doesn't threaten just their existence, but the existence of the entire Federation as well—in ***Star Trek: Year Five #2*** (by *Jackson Lanzing, Collin Kelly, & Stephen Thompson).*

A daring rescue mission leads Lando—and his new friend Jaxxon—to the seat of Imperial power, where they must recover an important artifact that will inspire a planet to drive the Empire from their home in ***Star Wars Adventures Annual 2019*** (by *Cavan Scott & Mauricet).*

Team Sonic Racing Plus Deluxe Turbo Championship Edition Oneshot reprints the ***Team Sonic Racing*** oneshot, adding a new guide to the Wisp power-ups, a glossary of Team Moves, a gallery of in-game tracks, and commentary by writer *Caleb Goellner.*

In ***They Called Us Enemy TP,*** an original graphic novel by *George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scott, & Harmony Becker*, Takei revisits his haunting childhood in American internment camps, as one of over 100,000 Japanese Americans imprisoned by the US government during World War II. Experience the forces that shaped an American icon—and America itself—in this gripping tale of courage, country, loyalty, and love.

Walter Simonson's Star Wars Artist's Edition HC spotlights the stunning art of *Walter Simonson & Tom Palmer,* with each page meticulously scanned from the original art and reproduced full size to show off every nuance of Simonson and Palmer's linework.

Shannon Wheeler focuses on relationships, social norms, cats, dogs, food, and Wheeler himself in ***Why Did We Trust Him? HC,*** a collection of single-panel comics.

Wynonna Earp, descendant of the legendary gunslinger Wyatt Earp, and her whole family are members of the US Marshals Black Badge Division—a unit dedicated to protecting the world from all things that go bump in the night. Two of their greatest assets in the fight against evil are the Division's relative secrecy and Black Rock Prison, the only facility capable of holding major paranormal threats—and both have been exposed in ***Wynonna Earp: Bad Day at Black Rock*** (by *Beau Smith, Tim Rozon, & Chris Evenhuis).*

IDW collected editions for May include:

- ***Atomic Robo and the Dawn of a New Era TP,*** collecting the five-issue series.
- ***Bram Stoker's Dracula TP,*** collecting *Roy Thomas & Mike Mignola's* adaptation of the *Francis Ford Coppola* film.
- ***DuckTales: Monsters and Mayhem TP,*** collecting ***DuckTales #s 12–14.***
- ***GI Joe Modern Era Legends Portfolio,*** featuring 10 oversized prints by *Art Adams, J. Scott Campbell, Cliff Chiang, Gabriele Dell'Otto, Michael Golden, Adam Hughes, Rob Liefeld, Paul Pope, Ben Templesmith,* and *Ashley Wood.*

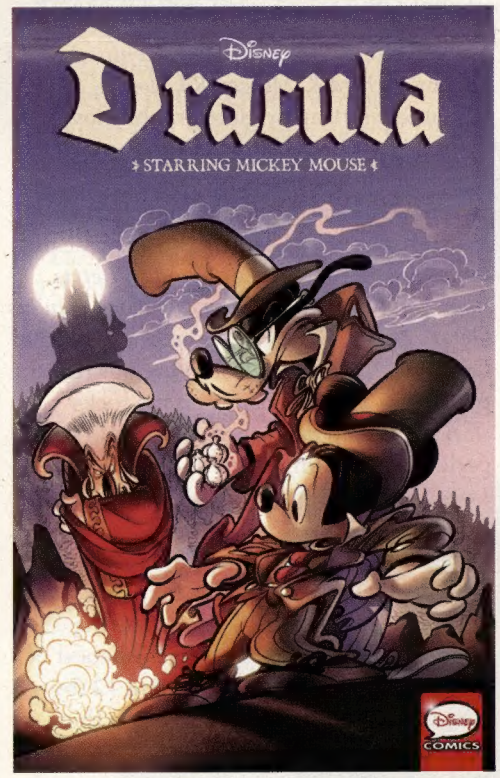
- ***Godzilla: Kingdom of Monsters TP,*** collecting the entire 12-issue series in one volume.
- ***The Last Unicorn TP,*** collecting the adaptation of *Peter S. Beagle's* fantasy novel.
- ***LOAC Essentials Volume 13: Charlie Chan 1938 HC,*** collecting the first complete year of daily strips from October 1938 to November 1939.
- ***Marvel Action: Black Panther—Stormy Weather TP,*** reprinting ***Marvel Action Black Panther #s 1–3.***
- ***Marvel Masterworks Pin-Ups HC,*** a 9" x 12" collection of pinups by *Jack Kirby, Steve Ditko, Don Heck, John Byrne, Wally Wood, John Romita, John Severin, Barry Windsor-Smith,* and more.
- ***Sonic the Hedgehog Volume 3: Battle for Angel Island TP,*** collecting ***Sonic the Hedgehog #s 9–12.***
- ***Star Wars Adventures Volume 6: Flight of the Falcon TP,*** collecting ***Star Wars Adventures #s 14–18*** plus the ***Flight of the Falcon*** oneshot.
- ***Tangled: The Series—Hair-Raising Adventures TP,*** collecting ***Hair-Raising Adventures #s 1–3.***
- ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 35th Anniversary Box Set,*** featuring reprints of ***TMNT #s 1–4*** and the ***Raphael*** microseries in their original sizes, with box art from TMNT co-creator *Kevin Eastman.*

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in May

Following the events of ***Aliens: Resistance,*** Alec Brand, the colonist rescued by Amanda Ripley and Zula Hendricks, has grown up into an elite Colonial Marine. A secret mission brings him back to the alien-infested moon where he was rescued—and face to face with the past—in ***Aliens: Rescue #1*** (by *Brian Wood & Kieran McKeown).*

A team of paranormal investigators poking around Burden Hill disturbs the graveyard where the "Master" lies, setting off a chain of events that will have serious consequences for the animal defenders of the haunted town in ***Beasts of Burden: The Presence of Others Part One*** (by *Evan Dorkin & Jill Thompson).*

Trapped in Dracula's castle, Jonathan Ratker (Mickey Mouse) must find a way to escape and return to his love, Minnina. Meanwhile, Minnina and Doctor Goofy Van Helsing are dealing with the supernatural themselves in ***Disney Dracula, Starring Mickey Mouse TP.***



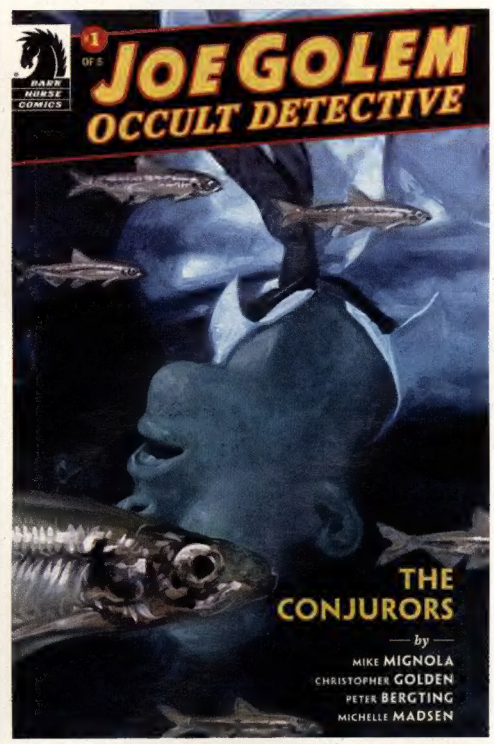
Experience the magic and adventure of Disney's Dumbo in ***Disney Dumbo: Friends in High Places TP,*** a graphic novel anthology expanding on the live-action feature film.

Donald Duck is Doctor Victor von Duckenstein—a doctor with a talent for the art of creation—in ***Disney Frankenstein, Starring Donald Duck TP.*** Drawing inspiration from old books of science, Victor finds the means to make his vision into a reality. Through countless experiments, Victor conceives a breathing, living creature of horrible sight with intentions unknown. What has Victor created, and what does this creature want?

After escaping an unconventional kidnapping, Princess Basil finds herself far from her castle and must take fate into her own hands, in *Cassie Anderson's* ***Extraordinary: A Story of an Ordinary Princess TP.*** She tracks down the fairy godmother who "blessed" her and finds the solution to her ordinariness might be as simple as finding a magic ring. With an unlikely ally in tow, she takes on gnomes, a badger, and a couple of snarky foxes in her quest for a less ordinary life.

Two legends meet face to face in ***Hellboy vs Lobster Johnson: The Ring of Death*** (by *Mike Mignola, Chris Roberson, Mike Norton, & Paul Grist).* Norton draws Hellboy's ill-fated turn as foe to Lobster Johnson in a luchador movie, while Grist returns to draw the Visitor as he lurks in the shadows with troubling doubts about his decision to spare Hellboy.

As ***Joe Golem: Occult Detective—The Conjurors #1*** (by *Mike Mignola, Christopher Golden, & Peter Bergting)* begins, Joe Golem is dead... or is he? Simon Church is fading fast in the city above, and Molly is held captive



by Dr Cocteau's gas-men below, but something stirs in the tunnels. How much of the golem is still in the man, or the man in the golem? And can either be enough to stop Dr Cocteau once he has the artifact he seeks?

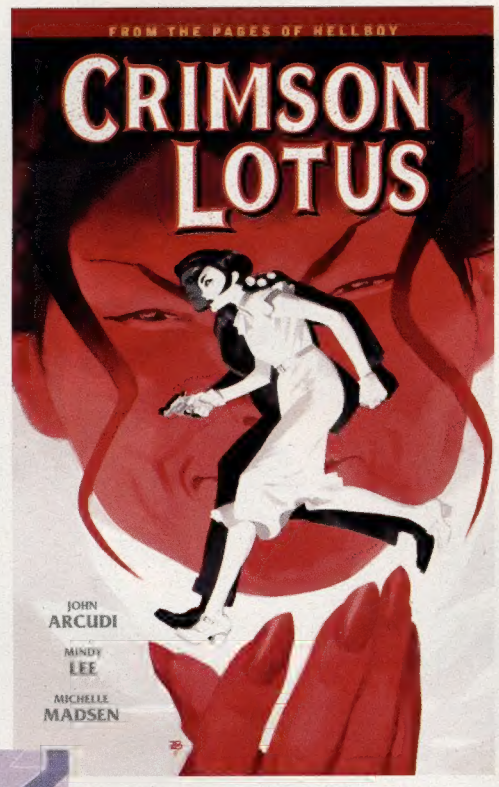
Detective Migdalia Torres investigates a vicious strangling on a Boston subway car, in ***Last Stop on the Red Line #1*** (by *Paul Maybury & Sam Lofti)*. As potential evidence produces dead ends, Migdalia inadvertently takes in a vagrant named Yusef who may have a supernatural connection to the crime at hand.

Tyler is your everyday kid whose life is changed when his family has to move from the town he's always known. Thankfully, Tyler has a strong group of friends forever linked in the world of Minecraft! Tyler, along with his friends Evan, Candace, Tobi, and Grace, have been going on countless adventures together across the expanses of the Overworld and are in need of a new challenge. In ***Minecraft GN Volume 1*** (by *Sfé R. Monster & Sarah Graley)*, the group decides to go on the Ultimate Quest—to travel to the End and face off against the ender dragon!

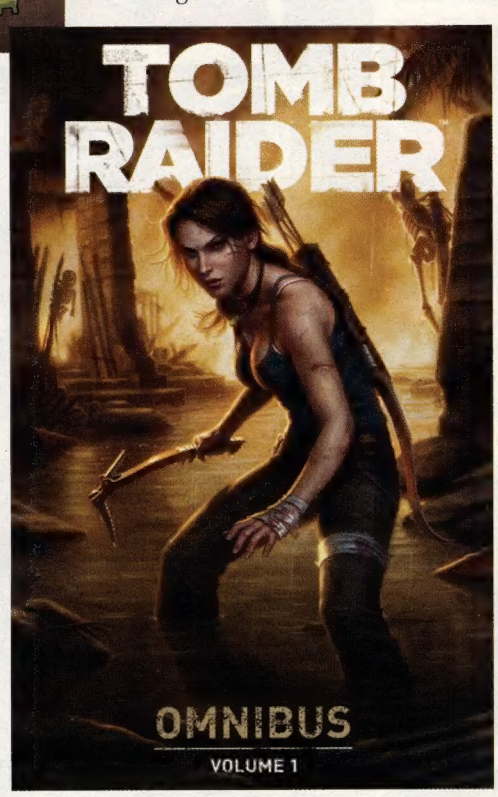
A teenage girl with precognitive abilities has struggled through a lifetime of exploitation, only to end up the pawn of a government agency that wants to harness her powers for its own ends. Meet Six in ***Stranger Things: Six #1*** (by *Jody Houser, Edgar Salazar, & Keith Champagne)*, a prequel to the hit Netflix series.

Dark Horse collected editions include:

- ***Beanworld Omnibus Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Beanworld HC Vols 3, 3.5*** (***Tales of the Beanworld*** in black and white), ***& 4,*** with a bonus sketchbook section.
- ***BPRD: The Devil You Know Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***The Devil You Know #s 11–15.***
- ***Creepy Archives Volume 29 HC,*** collecting ***Creepy #s 141–145,*** the final issues of the long-running Warren horror magazine.
- ***Crimson Lotus TP,*** collecting ***Crimson Lotus #s 1–5.***



- ***Harrow County Library Edition Volume 3 HC,*** collecting ***Harrow County Volumes 5 & 6*** in a deluxe oversized hardcover format with a new cover, sketchbook material, essays, "Tales from Harrow County" bonus stories by guest creators, and more.
- ***Hellboy: 25 Years of Covers HC,*** featuring more than 150 full-page cover pieces from *Mike Mignola, Richard Corben, Duncan Fegredo,* and more.
- ***LaGuardia TP,*** collecting ***LaGuardia #s 1–4.***
- ***The Massive Omnibux Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***The Massive #s 0–15.***
- ***Star Blazers: Space Battleship Yamato 2199 Volume 1 TP,*** collecting the first two Japanese volumes.
- ***Tom Clancy's The Division: Extremis Malis HC,*** collecting ***Extremis Malis #s 1–3.***
- ***Tomb Raider Omnibus Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Tomb Raider (2014) #s 1–18*** and more.
- ***The Umbrella Academy Volume 3: Hotel Oblivion TP,*** collecting ***Hotel Oblivion #s 1–7.***
- ***Usagi Yojimbo: The Hidden Limited Edition HC,*** a signed hardcover collecting ***The Hidden #s 1–7.***
- ***William Gibson's Aliens 3 TP,*** collecting the miniseries based on award-winning author *William Gibson's* unproduced screenplay for ***Aliens 3.***
- ***The Witcher Volume 4: Of Flesh and Flame TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.



Coming Comics—Image in May

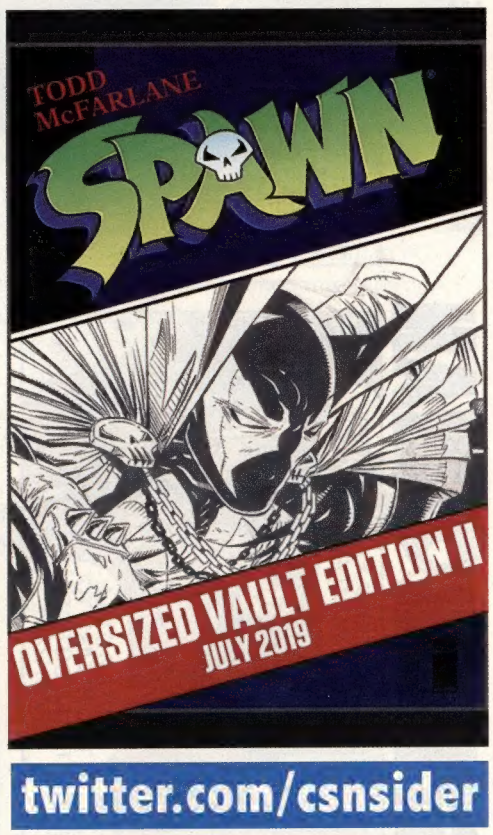
Spencer Dales was born into a world of magic. His father belongs to the Aegis, a secret society of black magicians ordered by their unseen masters to better the lives of others—those with greater potential—but never themselves. Now it's time for Spencer to follow in his father's footsteps in ***Excellence #1*** (by *Brandon Thomas, Emilio Lopez, & Khary Randolph)*, but all he sees is a broken system in need of someone with the wand and the will to change it. But in this fight for a better future, who will stand beside him?

Deep underground, among the floating islands of Altara, the mystical Gogor sleeps. But trouble brews above ground as soldiers of the Domus impose their will across the land. Now, a young student named Armano must awaken Gogor and begin his quest to protect the culture of Altara in ***Gogor #1*** (by *Ken Garing)*.

Image collected editions include:

- ***Bitter Root Volume 1: Family Business TP,*** collecting ***Bitter Root #s 1–5.***
- ***Cemetery Beach TP,*** collecting ***Cemetery Beach #s 1–7.***
- ***Copra Vols 1–5,*** collecting the accclaimed comic by *Michel Fiffe.*
- ***Die Volume 1: Fantasy Heartbreaker TP,*** collecting ***Die #s 1–5.***
- ***MCMLXXV TP,*** collecting ***MCMLXXV #s 1–3.***
- ***Middlewest Book 1 TP,*** collecting ***Middlewest #s 1–6.***
- ***Outer Darkness Volume 1: Each Other's Throats TP,*** collecting ***Outer Darkness #s 1–6.***
- ***Outpost Zero Volume 2: Follow It Down TP,*** collecting ***Outpost Zero #s 5–9.***

- ***Paradox Girl Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Paradox Girl #s 1–6.***
- ***Rat Queens Volume 6: The Infernal Path TP,*** collecting ***Rat Queens Volume 2 #s 11–15*** and the ***Neon Static Special.***
- ***Redlands Volume 2: Water on the Fire TP,*** collecting ***Redlands #s 7–12.***
- ***Saga Book Three Deluxe HC,*** collecting ***Saga #s 37–54.***
- ***Savage Dragon: As Seen on TV TP*** collecting *Savage Dragon #s 228–234.*
- ***Spawn Kills Everyone: The Complete Collection 1 TP,*** collecting ***Spawn Kills Everyone!*** and ***Spawn Kills Everyone Too #s 1–4.***
- ***Spawn: Origins Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Spawn #s 1–6.***
- ***Spawn Vault Edition Volume 2 HC,*** featuring the original art boards for ***Spawn #s 8–15,*** along with unpublished art and some other surprises.



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SPIDER-MAN

BY STAN LEE & ALEX SAVIUK

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I GRABBED KILLGRAVE– AND YOU GRABBED ME!
BUT– I'M STILL TOO WEAK– TO PULL YOU BOTH BACK UP–
STAN LEE ALEX SAVIUK 2-25
–AND IF THAT METAL PIPE GIVES–
KRE'EKK
–IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN!
CAN BARELY HOLD ON TO YOU– AND THIS PIPE'S GOIN'!
MY BRAIN'S ON EMPTY– CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT–!
HEY, DON'T FORGET– YOU'VE GOT TWO WEB-SHOOTERS!
STAN LEE ALEX SAVIUK 2-26
Huh? OH-YEAH– I FORGOT!
FWIPP
WAY TO GO, SPIDER-MAN!
THWIPT
YOUR WEB SNAGGED AN AIR VENT UP HERE!
GREAT! THAT'LL GIVE MY BRAIN A SECOND TO RECOVER FROM KILLGRAVE'S MIND CONTROL!
STAN LEE ALEX SAVIUK 2-27
BUT IF THAT PLASTIC SHEET DROPS OFF OL' PURPLE-PUSS– –HE'LL GO BACK TO MAKIN' US TRY TO MURDER EACH OTHER!
UH-OH!
THE SHEET'S SLIPPING OFF KILLGRAVE!
THAT MEANS HE'LL BE ABLE TO GAIN VOCAL CONTROL OVER US AGAIN!
THUK
UNNGH
NO SWEAT, CAGE! HE'S OUT LIKE A LIGHT– AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT!
STAN LEE ALEX SAVIUK 2-28
BACK ON THE ROOFTOP...
FINALLY SHAKING OFF– THE LAST EFFECTS OF KILLGRAVE'S CONTROL!
ME TOO. BUT– HE'S STARTING TO COME AROUND...
Uhhrrm...
N-NOT TO WORRY, BOYS...
I'M KINDA W-WINDED– FROM RACING DOWN THREE STORIES– AND BACK UP–
BUT– I RETRIEVED OUR SECURITY BLANKET!
SLAPPT
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